

Table 1: Accessibility Assessment

Library	Nearest Library	Shortest Distance	Car*	Walking	Public Transport	IMD (greater score = higher deprivation) 8.68-62.27 ONS IMD 2019	% Households With No Car (MSOA) 2011 Census	Total Net (After Household Income Average (MSOA) ONS Income estimates for small areas, England and Wales 2018	Impact** – acceptable travel time – 19/23 minutes as per National Transport Survey 2019 (see Section 2 main report)	Mitigation – offered above and beyond consideration of nearest library provision and accessibility by different modes of transport.
Bromborough	Eastham	2.3km	6 min	30 min	42, 16 and 39 bus routes ranging from 12-15 minutes mid-morning travel. Over 60 and Disability - free, £2.85 (YP), £5.55 (Saveaway), £2.20 (YP LCR).	23.66	26.1	£26,600	Nearest physical library site is within acceptable travel times via car or public transport (bus). Cost of public transport and car ownership may pose a potential barrier to access in the context of multiple deprivation.	Mobile Library – all - stops will initially be based around sites where closure/community owned/managed sites are proposed. This will mitigate loss in the short term. As the need arises, additional stops can be added to address demand. Online Library - all Home Reader Service – where eligible
Higher Bebington	Bebington Central	1.8km	4 min	20 min	464, 73, 467 bus routes ranging from 14-15 minutes mid-morning travel with 6 min walk. Over 60 and Disability - free, £2.85 (YP), £5.55 (Saveaway), £2.20 (YP LCR).	14.66	17	£28,500	Nearest physical library site is within acceptable travel times via car, public transport (bus), and walking. Cost of public transport and car ownership do not pose a barrier to access.	Mobile Library – all - stops will initially be based around sites where closure/community owned/managed sites are proposed. This will mitigate loss in the short term. As the need arises, additional stops can be added to address demand. Online Library - all Home Reader Service – where eligible
Wallasey Village	Wallasey Central	1.7km	5 min	25 min	414, 409, 410, 433, 413 bus routes ranging from 18-19 minutes mid-morning travel. Over 60 and Disability - free, £2.85 (YP), £5.55 (Saveaway), £2.20 (YP LCR).	16.73	22.5	£27,900	Nearest physical library site is within acceptable travel times via car or public transport (bus). Cost of public transport does not pose a barrier to access. Car ownership may pose a potential barrier to access.	Mobile Library – all - stops will initially be based around sites where closure/community owned/managed sites are proposed. This will mitigate loss in the short term. As the need arises, additional stops can be added to address demand. Online Library - all Home Reader Service – where eligible
Woodchurch	Upton	1.3km	4 min	14 min	42, 41 bus routes ranging from 11-14 minutes mid-morning travel with 7 min walk. Over 60 and Disability - free, £2.85 (YP), £5.55 (Saveaway), £2.20 (YP LCR).	47.81	41.3	£21,700	Nearest physical library site is within acceptable travel times via car, public transport (bus), and walking. Cost of public transport and car ownership pose a significant barrier to access although nearest library is within acceptable walking distance (for those who can).	Mobile Library – all - stops will initially be based around sites where closure/community owned/managed sites are proposed. This will mitigate loss in the short term. As the need arises, additional stops can be added to address demand. Online Library - all Home Reader Service – where eligible
Greasby	Upton	2.4km	5 min	32 min	437 bus route taking 13 minutes mid-morning travel. Over 60 and Disability - free, £2.85 (YP), £5.55 (Saveaway), £2.20 (YP LCR).	8.68	12.5	£31,600	Nearest physical library site is within acceptable travel times via car or public transport (bus). Cost of public transport and car ownership do not pose a barrier to access.	Mobile Library – all - stops will initially be based around sites where closure/community owned/managed sites are proposed. This will mitigate loss in the short term. As the need arises, additional stops can be added to address demand. Online Library - all Home Reader Service – where eligible

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Irby	Heswall	3.5km	6 min	50 min	22 and 471 bus routes taking 12 minutes mid-morning travel. Over 60 and Disability - free, £2.85 (YP), £5.55 (Saveaway), £2.20 (YP LCR).	11.26	13.5	£31,500	Nearest physical library site is within acceptable travel times via car or public transport (bus). Cost of public transport and car ownership do not pose a barrier to access.	Mobile Library – all - stops will initially be based around sites where closure/community owned/managed sites are proposed. This will mitigate loss in the short term. As the need arises, additional stops can be added to address demand. Online Library - all Home Reader Service – where eligible
Pensby	Heswall	2.1km	5 min	31 min	472 bus route taking 10 minutes mid-morning travel. Over 60 and Disability - free, £2.85 (YP), £5.55 (Saveaway), £2.20 (YP LCR).	13.49	12.9	£29,300	Nearest physical library site is within acceptable travel times via car or public transport (bus). Cost of public transport and car ownership do not pose a barrier to access.	Mobile Library – all - stops will initially be based around sites where closure/community owned/managed sites are proposed. This will mitigate loss in the short term. As the need arises, additional stops can be added to address demand. Online Library - all Home Reader Service – where eligible
Prenton	Ridgeway (RFID)	2.9km	8 min	30 min	Connecting bus route – 17, 472, 41, 413, 42, 471, 414, 16A → 495 taking 30 minutes mid-morning travel. Over 60 and Disability - free, £2.85 (YP), £5.55 (Saveaway), £2.20 (YP LCR).	23.87	19.8	£29,200	Nearest physical library site is within acceptable travel times via car for both unstaffed RFID and staffed sites. Public transport is within acceptable distance for staffed site (Birkenhead Library). Although net household income is comparable to areas experiencing lower deprivation scores (Pensby) cost of public transport and car ownership scores may pose a potential barrier to access in the context of multiple deprivation.	Mobile Library – all - stops will initially be based around sites where closure/community owned/managed sites are proposed. This will mitigate loss in the short term. As the need arises, additional stops can be added to address demand. Online Library - all Home Reader Service – where eligible
	Birkenhead Central (Staffed)	3.6km	9 min	43 min	472, 41, 413, 42, 414 taking 22 minutes mid-morning travel. Over 60 and Disability - free, £2.85 (YP), £5.55 (Saveaway), £2.20 (YP LCR).					
Hoylake	West Kirby	2.8km	5 min	35 min	407 and 38 bus routes taking 11 minutes mid-morning travel. Over 60 and Disability - free, £2.85 (YP), £5.55 (Saveaway), £2.20 (YP LCR).	14.24	19.5	£30,100	Nearest physical library site is within acceptable travel times via car or public transport (bus). Cost of public transport and car ownership do not pose a barrier to access.	Mobile Library – all - stops will initially be based around sites where closure/community owned/managed sites are proposed. This will mitigate loss in the short term. As the need arises, additional stops can be added to address demand. Online Library - all Home Reader Service – where eligible
Rock Ferry	Birkenhead Central	1.9km	5 min	26.5 min	42 and 41 bus route taking 19 minutes and connection bus route 410 → 414, 413 bus route taking 29 minutes mid-morning travel. Over 60 and Disability - free, £2.85 (YP), £5.55 (Saveaway), £2.20 (YP LCR).	62.27	52.3	£17,900	Nearest physical library site is within acceptable travel times via car or public transport (bus). Cost of public transport and car ownership pose a significant barrier to access.	Mobile Library – all - stops will initially be based around sites where closure/community owned/managed sites are proposed. This will mitigate loss in the short term. As the need arises, additional stops can be added to address demand. Online Library - all Home Reader Service – where eligible

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New Ferry	Bebington Central	1.8km	6 min	25.5 min	464 and 410 bus routes ranging from 12-14 minutes mid-morning travel with 7 and 8 min walk respectively. Over 60 and Disability - free, £2.85 (YP), £5.55 (Saveaway), £2.20 (YP LCR).	46.64	39.7	£22,700	Nearest physical library site is within acceptable travel times via car or public transport (bus). Cost of public transport and car ownership pose a significant barrier to access.	Mobile Library – all - stops will initially be based around sites where closure/community owned/managed sites are proposed. This will mitigate loss in the short term. As the need arises, additional stops can be added to address demand. Online Library - all Home Reader Service – where eligible

*Derived from Google navigation (Car) 10-11am 22nd December 2021

*Impact based on broad indicators for local area. This does not suggest that exceptions to this data do not occur within this area and this need and/or barrier to access will be sufficiently addressed as and when the need/demand arises.